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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in connection with the above-identified application.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 in connection with this paper or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings according to the attached set of figures, on which the amendment is indicated in red ink. Specifically, in Figure 17 please replace "1006" with —1106—, as shown on the hand annotated page.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

at page 1, line 28, please replace "is herein" with --is-;

at page 2, line 1, please delete "International PCT application No.";

at page 2, line 5, please replace "D34153" with -D434153-;

at page 2, line 20, please replace "occurred," with -occurred-;

at page 2, line 27, please replace "nature," with ---nature--;

at page 5, line 18, please replace "label, and" with -label and,-;

at page 5, line 19, please replace "analyte" with -analyte,-;